

GRAUSTARK

#301

17 November 1973

1973BB "Winter 1905-Spring 1906"

STEAMROLLER STEAMS WESTWARD AGAIN

Following "Fall 1905" moves, France built 1 Par & F Mar, Turkey built F Smy, Germany removed 1 Pru, and Austria-Hungary removed 1 Alb.

ENGLAND (Eisen): A Liv-Gly; F Bel-Nth; F Edi S F Bel-Nth.

FRANCE (Strauss): F Mid-NAt; F Nth-Hel; F Hol S ENGLISH F Bel-Nth; A Mun S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Boh; A Tyr S A Mun; A Bur-Ruh; A Par-Bur; F Mar-Lyo.

GERMANY (Sidor): A Kie-Mun; F Den S RUSSIAN F Nrg-Nth.

ITALY (Heuer): F Tun-Ion; F Tyr-Rom; A Nap-Apu; A Ven S A Nap-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Neiger): A Vie-Boh.

RUSSIA (Honig): F Bar-Nrg; F Nrg-Nth; F Nwy S F Nrg-Nth; A Liv-Kie; F Bal C A Liv-Kie; A Bud-Vie; A Gal S A Bud-Vie; F Aeg S TURKISH F Gre-Ion; A Ber & A Sil S GERMAN A Kie-Mun.

TURKEY (Paulson): F Tri-Ven; A Apu-Ven; A Ser-Tri; F Ion-Adr; F Gre-Ion; F Smy-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Mun is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 1973. A press release appears on p. 6.

73.?? "Fall 1935"

BALTIC STATES: Russia (5) attacks Britain (3) at 1:1. Admiral - 50 (A). Russia removes 5.

BRITAIN: Cze U. GERMANY: Aus C. The deadline for "Spring 1936" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 1973.

73.3a

"Fall 1940"

ANTI-FRENCH CRUSADE, ANYBODY?

BRITAIN: Germany (12) attacks France (6) at 2:1. IBM 521 (D). France removes 6.

ITALY: Germany (12) attacks France (5) at 2:1. ITT - 944 (X). Each side removes 5.

USA: Germany (12) attacks France (5) at 2:1. Boeing - 320, no change.

USA: Bri U, Fra U, Ita U, Pol U, Rus U.

FRANCE: Ger U, Pol U, USA U; loses Bri U, Ita U.

BRITAIN: Cze U, USA U.

GERMANY: Fra U, Ita U, Rus U, USA U.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als					
Aus					C
Bel					C
Fri	U,11				U,12
Cze		U,5			
Fra	U,10	U,7			U,12
Ger		U,7	U,25		
Ita	U,6		U,5		U,7
Pol	U,9	U,5	U,11	6	
Rhi					C
Rum				C	C
Rus	U,6			55	U,12
USA		U,5	U,22		U,12

The final score is Britain 22, Germany 21, USA 16, France 12, Russia 4. The PF chart by game years is:

	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
USA	0	0	0	0	0	16
FRANCE	0	8	2	0	8	12
BRITAIN	2	7	7	12	15	22
RUSSIA	0	0	0	4	4	4
GERMANY	4	8	8	11	14	21

Players were Mike Ritter (Britain), Gil Neiger (Germany), Dick Trtek (USA), Bob Lipton (France), and Bob Spencer (Russia). A review of the game by the winner appears on p. 7. Comments by other players will appear in the letter column of the next issue.

1973BQ

"Spring 1904"

DUAL MONARCHY OVERRUNS RUSSIA

ENGLAND (Arensmeyer): No moves received. F Bar, F Edi & A Wal hold.

FRANCE (Weill): F Mar-Lyo; F Eng-Wal; A Lon-Yor; F Wes-Tyr; A Bur holds; F NAT-Liv.

GERMANY (Burce): A Hol-Ruh; A Bel-Pic; A Ber-Mun; A Mun-Bur; F Swe S RUSSIAN A St.P-Nwy; F Den-Nth; F Nth-Eng.

ITALY (Sidor): F Rom-Tyr; F Nap S F Rom-Tyr; A Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCuistion): F Alb-Adr; A Tri-Tyr; A Ven S TURKISH F Tyr-Rom; A Mos-St.P; A Liv S A Mos-St.P; A Rum-Bul; A War holds; A Tyr-Pie.

RUSSIA (Greenlee): A St.P-Nwy.

TURKEY (De Prisco): F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; F Smy-Eas; A Gre-Alb; A Sev holds; F Tyr-Rom.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 1973. The stand-by, Edward Kollmer (21 East St., New Hyde Park, N. Y. 11040), should send in "Fall 1904" moves for England.

1973BS

"Spring 1904"

WILL RUSSIANS WALTZ INTO VIENNA?

ENGLAND (Martin Ritter): F Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Eng; F Eng-Iri; F Iri-Nat; A Bel S GERMAN A Ruh-Bur.

FRANCE (Larkham): F Bre-Eng; F Mid S F Bre-Eng; A Gas-Bur; A Far S A Gas-Bur; A Pic-Bel.

GERMANY (G. Tesser): A Sil S A Mun; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; F Den & A Hol hold.

ITALY (Murray): A Tun-Smy; F Ion & F Aeg C A Tun-Smy; F Con S A Tun-Smy; F Nap-Tyr; A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh-Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lariton): A Rum-Gal; A Bud S A Rum-Gal; A Boh-Mun; A Vie-Boh; A Ser-Rum; A Bul S A Ser-Rum; F Gre holds.

RUSSIA (Trtek): A Mos-St.P; A Gal-Sil; A Ukr-War; F Sev S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum; F Swe-Den.

TURKEY (McGowin): No move received. A Ank holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany may retreat A Mun-Kie or A Mun-Ber, and Russia may retreat A Gal-Vie or A Gal-Ukr. THESE PLAYERS SHOULD SEND IN THE DIRECTIONS OF THESE RETREATS AT ONCE. Other players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves, which may be made conditional on the directions of these retreats, is NOON, SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 1973.

Bob Spencer has missed two consecutive moves, and is replaced in the play of England by Martin Ritter. The next stand-by, Lt. Joseph O. Pickard (TUSLOG Det 67, APO New York, N. Y. 09380) should send in "Fall 1904" moves for Turkey if he wishes. If, however, he doesn't want to be stuck

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PENNSYLVANIA PACT POWERS PENETRATE PENINSULA

ENGLAND (Stehle): F Ska-Swe; F Nwy S F Ska-Swe; F Edi-Nth; F Lon S F Edi-Nth; A Wal-Liv.

FRANCE (Model): A Bel-Hol; F Ruh S A Bel-Hol; A Pic-Bel; F Eng S A Pic-Bel; F Iri-Mid; A Bur S ITALIAN A Tyr-Mun..

GERMANY (Scanlan): F Kie-Den; A Den-Kie; A Hol holds; A Mun holds.

ITALY (Paul): F Tyr-Tun; F Nap-Ion; A Ven-Tri; A Tyr-Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lipton): A Gal-Boh; A Mos holds; A War S A Mos; A Vie-Tyr; F Adr-Ven; A Tri S F Adr-Ven.

RUSSIA (Drakert): F Bal S A Ber; A St.P-Nwy; A Ber S GERMAN A Mun.

TURKEY (Carroll): A Alb-Apu; F Ion C A Alb-Apu; F Gre S F Ion; F Smy-Eas; A Sev & F Aeg hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Hol is annihilated, and the Italian A Ven must retreat to Pie, Tus, or Rom, or be removed. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL to the Gamesmaster, who will then inform other players. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Mos, Rum, Ser, FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Mar, Par, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (8)

Per, Spa. (7)

RUSSIA: Ber, St.P. (2)

GERMANY: Den, Kie, Mun. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Sev,

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3)

Smy. (6)

Austria-Hungary may build two new units, and France may build one. Russia must remove one unit. So must Italy unless he instead removes the dislodged A Ven. Other players may make their "Winter 1904" moves, conditional upon the Italian retreat. The deadline for "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 1973.

Two players have new addresses. Donald Stehle is at 3526 Beethoven, Mar Vista, Calif. 90066, and Terry Paul is at 119 E. State St., Fox Lake, Wisc. 53933.

BITUM (Oct. 31, 1904, HAINNA): "This is Elmo Dracca-tari, reporting from the Transcaucasian-Franscaucasian frontier. Franco and Tranco peasants are busily engaged in the laborious task of clearing Shallnot Pass, and dredging Tojas and Dismal (or Murky) swamps. They actually seem to be smiling! Let me ask this peasant why. Sir, could you tell me why you and all your compatriots are having such a good time doing all this back-breaking labor?"

"Certainly. The 91st Franco-Tranco War is about to break out in a short while. We have to get the battlefield ready!"

"A war? Isn't that usually a sign that the peasants are in for a long bout of suffering? Trampled crops, rape and pillage and all that?"

"Do you see those two mountains, called 'Queen Hanna Hanna's Tits'? Do you see the next to impassible defile between them? Do you see the two miserable swamps flanking each mountain?"

"Uh, yes."

"Do you know that each army averages 90% casualties every time they go to war, wiping out most of the nobility, tax collectors, bullies, and malcontents? How would you like to be ruled by those assholes? If we don't clear the traditional battlefields, they'll start campaigning through our fields. And besides, we have a lottery. Everyone guesses where the Francos will attack, how many will be killed, how many will have to be slaughtered before the Trancos break. For a tiebreaker, we use the number of arrows in the Franco chevalier leading the charge. It's tricky. My brother-in-law Zub won 30,721 gnorgies last war."

"When do you think the next war will start?"

"Who knows? That's part of the lottery also. I predicted November 13 on this month's ticket."

VIX, IZMIR (Nov. 14, 1904, CRABS): "The 91st Franco-Tranco War broke out today with a 'preemptive retaliation' strike by the Franco dreadnought on a reef outside Navelgrad, Transcaucasia. Coming under heavy fire from a Gatling gun in the lighthouse, the FUBIR (Franco-und-Batum Assault Rigger) Canard ordered 'all ahead full' and rammed the reef, sinking with Capt. Le Twit chained to the bridge. All other hands made it ashore and promptly deserted."

73.6x

"Spring 1940"

DOWN TO THE WIRE

USA (Carleton): Bri 3, Fra 5, Pol 15, Rus 5.

FRANCE (Drakert): Cze 5, Ita 4, Pol 5.

BRITAIN (Trtek): Bri 18.

RUSSIA (Hendry): Bri 5, Fra 5, Ger 5, USA 5.

GERMANY (Kelly): Bri 5, Fra 3, Ita 8, Rhi 5, Bri

Rus 5, USA 2.

The deadline for "Fall 1940" moves, ending the game, is NOON, SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 1973.

The maximum possible score for each player, as the game now stands, is France 24, Germany 24, Russia 22, Britain 19, USA 16. If you make any attacks please name one stock for each attack; if you plan to make no attacks, please inform the Gamesmaster.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als					
Aus					C C
Bal	10	9			
Bri	5	18			
Cze	5	2			
Fra	5				
Ger					
Ita	5	15	3		
Pol	15	15			
Rhi			27	21	5
Rum				C C	
Rus	5			5	5
USA				5	9

73.??b

"Fall 1935"

GERMANS YIELD TO BRITISH ULTIMATUM

GERMANY: Britain (9) attacks Russia (1) at 5:1. IBM - 521, (D). Russia removes 1.

RHINELAND: Germany (7) attacks USA (2) at 3:1. United Airlines - 80, no change.

GERMANY: "Germany attacks Britain, 5:1. CAUTION - (-1), "DD" - the British player is removed from the game" ((very sic))

The deadline for "Spring 1936" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 1973. The score is now Britain 5 (Ger C), Russia 5 (Bal C), Germany 4 (Aus C), USA 0, France 0.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als					
Aus					C
Bal					
Bri					
Cze					
Fra					
Ger					
Ita					
Pol			4		
Rhi	2				
Rum					
Rus					
USA					

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in so bad a position, he may simply decline and wait it out.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The "Steve Somebody" whom I mentioned in #300 as an Origins player has, upon further inquiry at SPI, turned out to be Steve Whitmore. His last name was not included on the listings of the moves which I received. Sorry, Steve.

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A player in 1973BB has proposed a general concession to France in that game. Are there any other takers? Russia, maybe?

1971EG

"Spring 1911"

BAD DAY FOR BLACK

ENGLAND (Lipson): A Liv-Wal; F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Gas & F Mid S F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Eng-Mid; F Lon-Eng; F Naf-Tun; F Nth not ordered, holds.

GERMANY (Schleicher): No moves received. F Den, A Hun, A Puh, A Mar, A Bur & A Boh hold. A Tyr dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Burley): F Pie-Tyr; A Tri & A Ven S A Pie-Tyr; F Tyr-Tun; F Wes S F Tyr-Tun; A Rum holds.

RUSSIA (A. Phillips): A Sev S ITALIAN A Rum; A Mos & A Ukr S A Sev; A Bud S GERMAN A Tyr-Tri; A Gal & A Vie S A Bud; F Swe-Nwy.

TURKEY (Nierenberg): F Alb S ITALIAN A Tri; F Lyo S ITALIAN F Wes; A Ser-Bud; F Arm-Sev; A Bul & F Bla S ITALIAN A Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is 6 PM, TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 1973.

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NEW BLOOD - VI

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1972A - PRESS RELEASES

LISBON, PORTUGAL (MOHAWR): The French Ministry of Rich (and Low) Combat has declared peace on the rest of the world. It is hoped that all other countries will join together in the spirit of friendship and bring an end to the hostilities.

LONDON: Sorry Scott (& Peter) but this one is a draw. Mike, do you agree?

["Winter 1914" moves in 1972A appear on p. 121]

1973BB - PRESS RELEASE

NEW YORK, N. Y.: SPY, in association with Austro-Hungarian Empress-in-Exile, Nilbert, is in the process of designing a game based on the Rayrilla, and other dubious tactics used by the Hapsburgs against the Russian and Turkish garrisons in Austro-Hungarian cities. The board would represent a few city blocks in either Budapest, Cluj, Trieste, or, in the 'What-If?' scenarios, Vienna or Pressburg. Pieces would represent anything from Saber-Tooth Neigers, Rayrillas dressed as Saber-Tooth Neigers to Russian Spas-Squads and the Turkish Harem Garrison. President James Donneybrook intends to call the game "Piflé & Saber-Tooth Neiger".

REVIEWS OF POSTAL ORIGINS GAME 73.3a ("ANTI-BOLSHEVIK CRUSADE")

by Mike Fitter

As the British player (that's me) sees the most likely to win this game (a 49% chance) I would like to give a review of how this situation came about.

In 1935 Germany and France both wrote to me and offered alliances. I accepted both. All three quickly stabbed each other, doing the exact opposite of what was promised. Fall of that year I lost the Baltic States to Germany, but prevented Russia from receiving Poland.

In 1936 France and I decided to go into Germany, who obliged us by trying to grab other states like Rumania, Austria, etc.

I was now in a very good position. I only had to keep my German "U" and build up my potential strength elsewhere to have a good chance of winning.

In 1937 Germany put all his PPs in his own country to drive us out. Germany attacked France leaving me alone in Germany.

In 1938 I received another reprieve as Germany went for Rumania and left his own country open. I also got an Understanding in France this turn. It put me ahead in points and in a good position as Germany, Britain's main opponent, was refrained from attacking by my "U".

In Spring 1939 I wrote to Germany suggesting that he put 10 PPs in my country. This would give me an almost 100% chance of keeping my German "U". To my surprise he actually did put 10 PPs in my country. I stockpiled my PPs so that in 1940 I could make my grandstand play.

In 1940 I consolidated all my gains and poured PPs into the US. And I'm hoping the US decides not to attack me.

The game was characterized by a silent Russian player, during the whole game. I only received one post card from him. During this last move he neglected to send in his moves, which was the most significant factor contributing to my good position. I only wish the US had been as negligent.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In CIVUSTAPK #300 I expressed my conviction that President Nixon is going to come out of his current political problems a clear winner. The events of the subsequent weeks have thoroughly confirmed this. Aside from a handful of suicidally inclined malcontents, the Congress has given him unprecedented new powers in the fields of military policy, Middle East policy, and in allocation of fuels. A Congress, press, and nation which grants the President the power to freeze wages and prices, allocate fuel as he sees fit, and single-handedly commit American forces and armaments in the Middle East is not going to get upset because he orders a few students shot at Kent State, or a burglary at the Watergate.

The anti-Nixon fringe in Congress was neatly faked out by his veto of the War Powers Act. They promptly provided the votes necessary to enact that bill into law over his veto. Bella Abzug was one of the leaders in this accomplishment. As a result, President Nixon becomes the first President in American history to have full legal authority to commit US forces for 90 days of war whenever and wherever he sees fit!

What's next? Senator Goldwater told us, in a speech in Smyrna, Delaware, on 25 October: "Already the hounds of destruction are tearing away at the structure of our government, and it is time all of us began to realize that these are irresponsible men...dedicated to overthrowing our form of government...The time has come...to recognize the thrust of the efforts being made which are cleverly covered up by hiding behind the subject of the free press." And so much for the "free press".

WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT FRANCE WON IN THE ANTI-BOLSHEVIK CRUSADE VERSION?
NO? WELL, WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT EVAN JONES DID IT?

This game of Origins "Spring 1935" "Fall 1935"
was played at SPI on the
evening of 9 November
1973, with John Boardman Aus Aus
as Gamesmaster. Bal 2 Bal 2
 Bri Bri
 Cze Cze
 Fra 1 Fra 1
USA (John Fernandes): Ger 5 Ger 0,5
 Bal 2. Ita Ita
FRANCE (Evan Jones): Pol 4 2 6 6 Pol 4 6 6
 Pol 4. Rhi Rhi
BRITAIN (David Darden): Pum Pum
 Fra 1, Ger 5, Pol 2. Rus Rus
RUSSIA (Harvey Krieger): USA USA
 Pol 6.

GERMANY (Matthew Miller): "Spring 1936" "Fall 1936"
 Aus 6, Pol 6.

	USP	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
"Fall 1935"	Aus				C	Fus				C
	Bal	2		8		Bal				C
RUSSIA: Attacks Britain in Pol, 3:1. (3), D. Britain removes 2.	Bri	4				Bri	4			1
BRITAIN: Ger U.	Cze			1		Cze				0,5
GERMANY: Aus C.	Fra		1	5	Fra		1			
BRITAIN 5, Germany 2, USA 0, France 0, Russia 0.	Ger	5	U,7		Ger		U,5	U,7		
	Ita				Ita					
	Pol	5	3	6	12	Pol		U,5	3	12
	Rhi					Rhi				
	Pum				4	Pum				4
	Fus		5			Fus		U,5		
"Spring 1936"	USA					USA				

USA: Bri 4. "Spring 1937" "Fall 1937"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
FRANCE: Ger 5, Pol 1.	Aus				C	Aus				C
BRITAIN: Ger 2, Pol 3, Fus 5.	Bal			C		Bal				C
RUSSIA: Bal 8.	Bri	5	5			Bri	U,5	U,5		
GERMANY: Cze 1, Fra 5, Pol 6, Pum 4.	Cze		3	5	Cze		3		5	
	Fra		5	U,5	Fra		U,5		U,5	
	Ger	5	U,7	U,7	4	Ger	U,5	U,7	U,7	4
	Ita					Ita				
	Pol	U,6	5	10	18	Pol		U,6	U,5	10
	Rhi					Rhi				
	Pum				10	Pum				C
	Fus		U,5	3		Fus		U,5	3	
	USA					USA				

"Spring 1937"

RUSSIA: Bri 1, Ger 5.	USA: Bri 1, Ger 5.
FRANCE: Bri 5, Ger 2, Pol 1.	FRANCE: Bri 5, Ger 2, Pol 1.
BRITAIN: Cze 3, Fra 4, Pol 5.	BRITAIN: Cze 3, Fra 4, Pol 5.
RUSSIA: Pol 7, Fus 3.	RUSSIA: Pol 7, Fus 3.
GERMANY: Cze 4, Ger 4, Pol 6, Pum 6.	GERMANY: Cze 4, Ger 4, Pol 6, Pum 6.

"Fall 1937"

USA: Bri U, Ger U.
 FRANCE: Bri L.
 BRITAIN: Fra U, Pol U.
 GERMANY: Rum C.
 France 13, Britain 13,
 USA 10, Germany 8,
 Russia 6.

"Spring 1938"

USA: Fra 5, Ita 3.
 FRANCE: Pol 5, Rus 5.
 BRITAIN: Cze 2, Fra 3,
 Ger 2, Pol 2, USA 5.
 RUSSIA: Rus 7, USA 5.
 GERMANY: Cze 2, Ger 9,
 Ita 5, Pol 3, Rus 5.

"Fall 1938"

RUSSIA: Attacks France
 in Rus, 2:1. (1), D.
 France removes 5.
 USA: Fra U.
 BRITAIN: Cze U, USA U.
 RUSSIA: USA U.
 GERMANY: Ita U, Rus U.
 Britain 20, USA 14,
 France 13, Russia 10,
 Germany 10.

"Spring 1939"

USA: Ita 2, USA 8,
 FRANCE: Fra 12.
 BRITAIN: Fra 2, Ger 3, Rus 6, USA 5.

RUSSIA: Rus 14.
 GERMANY: Ger 25, Pol 3.

"Fall 1939"

GERMANY: Attacks Britain in Ger, 3:1. (6),
 no change.
 USA: Ita U.
 Britain 20, USA 16, France 13, Russia 10, Germany 10.

"Spring 1940"

USA: USA 12
 FRANCE: Ger 8, Ita 5, Pol 2,
 Rus 5, USA 6.
 BRITAIN: Fra 7, Ger 10, USA 1.

"Fall 1940"

USA: Attacks Germany in USA, 2:1. (4), X. Each side removes 7.
 RUSSIA: Attacks Britain in Rus, 2:1. (4), X. Each side removes 11.

"Spring 1938"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger		USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	
Rus						C	Aus					C
Bal						C	Bal					C
Bri	U,5	U,5					Bri	U,5	U,5			
Cze			5		7		Cze			U,5		7
Fra	5			U,8		U,5	Fra	U,5		U,8		U,5
Ger	U,5	U,7	U,9			13	Ger	U,5	U,7	U,9		13
Ita	3					5	Ita	3				U,5
Pol		U,11	U,7	10		21	Pol	U,11	U,7	10		21
Rhi							Rhi					
Rus						C	Rus					C
USA		5	U,5	10		5	Fus			U,5	10	U,5
			5	5			USA			U,5	U,5	

"Spring 1939"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger		USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	
Rus						C	Aus					C
Bal						C	Val					C
Bri	U,5	U,5					Bri	U,5	U,5			
Cze			U,5		7		Cze			U,5		7
Fra	U,5	12	U,10			U,5	Fra	U,5	12	U,10		U,5
Ger	U,5	U,7	U,12			38	Ger	U,5	U,7	U,12		38
Ita	5					U,5	Ita	U,5				U,5
Pol		U,11	U,7	10		24	Pol		U,11	U,7	10	24
Rhi							Rhi					
Rus						C	Rus					C
USA	8		U,10	U,5		USA	8		U,11	24	U,5	

"Fall 1939"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger		USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	
Rus						C	Aus					C
Bal						C	Val					C
Bri	U,5	U,5					Bri	U,5	U,5			
Cze			U,5		7		Cze			U,5		7
Fra	U,5	12	U,10			U,5	Fra	U,5	12	U,10		U,5
Ger	U,5	U,7	U,12			38	Ger	U,5	U,7	U,12		38
Ita	5					U,5	Ita	U,5				U,5
Pol		U,11	U,7	10		24	Pol		U,11	U,7	10	24
Rhi							Rhi					
Rus						C	Rus					C
USA	8		U,10	U,5		USA	8		U,11	24	U,5	

"Spring 1940"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger		USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	
Rus						C	Aus					C
Bal						C	Val					C
Bri	U,5	U,5					Bri	U,5	U,5			
Cze			U,5		7		Cze			U,5		7
Fra	U,5					U,5	Fra	U,5				U,5
Ger	U,5	U,15	U,22			41	Ger	U,5	U,15	U,22		41
Ita	5					U,5	Ita	5				U,5
Pol		U,13	U,7	17		24	Pol		U,13	U,7	17	24
Rhi							Rhi					7
Rus						C	Rus					C
USA	20		5	U,11	30	U,6	USA	20	6	U,11	U,8	7

"Spring 1940"

RUSSIA: Pol 7, Rus 6, USA 3.
 GERMANY: Bri 7, Cze 4, Fra 2, Ger 3,
 Ita 1, Rhi 7, Rus 1, USA 7.

"Fall 1940"

USA: Attacks Germany in USA, 2:1. (4), X. Each side removes 7.
 RUSSIA: Attacks Britain in Rus, 2:1. (4), X. Each side removes 11.

"Fall 1940"

"Fall 1940" (continued)

RUSSIA: Attacks Britain in Pol, 2:1. (1), D.
Britain removes 7.

GERMANY: Attacks Britain in Ger, 1:1. (4),
no change.

FRANCE: Ita U, Rus U, USA U.

BRITAIN: Loses Pol U, Rus U.

GERMANY: Fri 9, Rhi C.

France 21, Britain 17, USA 16, Germany 15,
Russia 10.

	USA	FRA	BRI	RUS	GER
					C
U,5	U,5			U,7	
			U,5		11
U,5		U,17		U,7	
U,5	U,15	U,22		41	
U,5	U,5			U,6	
	U,13		17	24	
					C
					C

The players were allowed to choose their own countries; each man got his first choice except Jones and Darden, who both wanted Britain. The matter was settled by roll of dice.

The heavy British lead that exists

The heavy British lead that existed by "1938" turned the last few moves into a "Stop Britain" marathon. This worked so well that after the "Spring 1940" PF placements the Russo-German alliance realized with horror that France might be able to pull off a win. Badly crossed wires had left Russia with too few PFs in Poland to throw out the French; they therefore went after the British instead. Everything thus rested on the German 1:1 attack against the British in Germany. Had this succeeded, or had the Germans jumped the French rather than the British, the Russo-German alliance might have stood a chance of shared control in Poland.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Two more weekend gaming Orgies are scheduled for the Simulations Publications Inc. offices on the 9th floor, 44 E. 23rd St., New York, NY 10010. They begin at 7 PM Friday, and continue to 7 PM Sunday, on the weekends of 23-25 November and 28-30 December. Each Orgy is divided into eight 6-hour sessions. Admission into each session is by purchase of a \$7 SPI game, or the equivalent in other products. Bring your own game boards, or use the ones you buy. Please reserve in advance; call 212-673-4103 for details. Games for play in the Orgies include SPI's War in the East, which is not yet on the market. There are also tactical games ranging from Armageddon, Centurion, or Dark Ages up through a new World War II game, Sniper (house-to-house combat), and a scenario that sets NATO against the Warsaw Pact.

If your gaming tastes are less elaborate than this, the first all-city Scrabble tournament will be conducted from 18 November through 24 February at the Brooklyn War Memorial Recreation Center in Cadman Plaza. The tournament is free, and open to all New York City residents 16 years of age or older. For information write to Scrabble Players Tournament, Parks Administration, Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park West & 58th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11215, or call 212-695-2440 on weekdays.

Two weekends ago the revival of the ancient game of Backgammon had its high point in a 400-player tournament at the Plaza Hotel. In the final, Dan Marcus of Detroit beat Talbot Speer of Baltimore for a prize of \$4.500. Other players included Oswald Jacoby, Polly Bergen, and Jacqueline Susann.

The current Backgammon vogue, which may be seen in action in almost every park or club, seems to have been started in 1966 by Prince Alexei Obolensky, who in 1966 organized the first of a series of tournaments. (New York Times, 11 November 1973)

A PROGRESSIVE SERIES OF ASYMMETRICAL STALEMATE POSITIONS

by Robert Bryan Lipton

[Bob Lipton's earlier articles on stalemate positions appear in GRAUSTARKS #268 and #282.]

In my two previous articles on stalemate positions I covered those positions which depended on control of England or Turkey as a base. Normally these are the countries which head the stalemates.

Now that I am a Diplomacy publisher, I have begun trading with other 'zines. In the present Hoosier Archives demonstration game (1973BI) I discovered that the Russo-Turkish alliance, though they lost control of the Balkans and were being destroyed in the north, were managing to stave off the Austro-Italian alliance. Working with this as a basis, I set up the following series of stalemates:

I(AIc)

Supply centers: Ank, Con, Edi, Liv, Lon, Por, Smy. (7)

Moves: F Mid, F Aeg, A Arm hold; F Por (or NAT, Iri, or Eng) S F Mid; F Con & F Eas S F Aeg.

The success of this depends on the opposing alliance not controlling any fleets in the Black Sea or the northern waters. Note that the northern section has an extra supply center, and that the southern section requires the unit that is supplied in the north. The problem is to get a unit from the north into the very opposite end of the board.

It is necessary for the Russians to be involved in this; Russian units are often spread from Turkey to England.

Continuing, we expand the northern section of the stalemate in the manner described in my article on the northern stalemates:

II(AIb)

Supply centers: Ank, Con, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Por, St.P, Smy, Swe. (10)

Moves: F Mid, F Aeg, A Swe, A St.P, A Arm hold; F Eas & F Con S F Aeg; A Nwy (or F Bar, A Fin, or F Bot) S A St.P; F Por & F NAT (or F Iri or F Eng) S F Mid.

Or the supply centers could substitute Den for St.P, in which case A Swe S A Nwy and A Den holds. An expansion to another supply center (all of Scandinavia and St.P) has A Den holds and a unit in Bar, Nwy, Fin, or Bot supports A St.P. This gives the alliance an extra supply center which enables the southern front to lose control of Aeg and assume the following southern position:

A Con & A Smy hold, A Syr S A Smy; F Bla (or A Ank) S A Con; A Arm holds.

A further expansion makes it apparent that Russia is the heart of the stalemate position:

III(AId)

Supply centers: Ank, Con, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, Por, St.P, Sev, Smy, Swe. (13)

Moves: F Mid, A Con, A Smy, A Ukr, A Liv, & A Den hold; F Por & F NAT (or Iri or Eng) S F Mid; A St.P (or Bot or Bal) S A Liv; A Mos & A Sev S A Ukr; A Ank (or F Bla) S A Con; A Syr S A Smy.

Or the move to Aeg configuration provides an extra unit.

Finally, the addition of Warsaw as a supply center lets a good deal of pressure off the east! The supply centers are the same as position III save that War is added.

IV(AIe)

Moves: F Mid, A Con, A Smy, A Ukr, A Den, & A War hold; F Por & F NAT (or Iri or Eng) S F Mid; A Liv & A Mos S A War; A Sev S A Ukr; A Ank (or F Bla) S A Con; A Syr S A Smy.

A continued expansion along this route by taking Rumania and Bulgaria enables the stalemated powers to hold their own; however, the other side cannot; for there are two free units that can move around, tying up more units than the opposing side has supply centers. However, if War is not taken, expansion into Rum and Bul can take place without upsetting the stalemate.

V(AIf)

Supply centers: Ank, Bul, Con, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, Por, Rum, St.P, Scv, Smy, Swe! (15)

Moves: F Mid, F Aeg, A Bul, A Rum, A Ukr, A Liv, & A Den hold; F Por & F NAT (or Iri or Eng) S F Mid; A Mos (or F Bal or F Bot) S A Liv; A Mos S A Ukr; A Scv & F Bla S A Rum; A Con S A Bul; F Eas S F Aeg.

And that appears to end this series. Again, any further expansion to, say, Grc, causes the other side to lack sufficient units to hold its position.

There are expansions that may take place in the west with the overall position remaining stalemated. These are left as problems for the reader. If any are discovered, I would appreciate being informed. I may be written at Box 360, Lafayette College, Easton, Penna 18042.

Any mistakes that appear are, naturally, the editor's.

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"Winter 1914"

ENGLISH, FRENCH SCUTTLE FLEETS

ENGLAND (Lipson): Removes F Iri. GERMANY (Anssoff, vice Huddleston):

FRANCE (Reif): Removes F Lyo. Builds F Kie, A Mun.

The deadline for "Spring 1915" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 1973!

One player has suggested a draw; if the others all concur by that deadline it will be so agreed.

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